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Attorney General John Ashcroft United States Department of Justice 950 Pennsylvania Ave, NW Washington, D.C. 20530

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

As a retiree who has been following this Microsoft antitrust case, I think it's time to leave Microsoft alone. Now that a settlement has been reached, let's move on.

Microsoft did not get off as easy as its opponents would have people think. They agreed to terms that were well beyond what would be expected in any antitrust case. Microsoft also agreed to give computer companies the right to configure Windows in order to promote their software programs that compete with programs within Windows. Is there any other software company out there that does this?

Enough is enough. There is no further need for litigation. I urge you to accept the settlement. Microsoft has cooperated, and now we need to do our part to get the economy going.

Sincerely,

Ed Raphael

cc: Representative Darrell Issa

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